

October 22, 2017



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

October 22 is Laity Sunday

This Sunday's services will be led entirely by lay members of the congregation. Denny Casey will bring us the message. Other members participating in the 11:00 service include Cindy Edgerton, Ron Rebman, Gael Chaney, Jerri DeVault, Manly Boyd, and Barbara Tatum. In addition, Sanctuary Ringers will be providing the prelude and offertory. The early service leaders include Virginia King and Leanna Blevins. Please come!



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What's Happening This Week

Through October 30

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch, 11:00 AM–7:00 PM

Mondays–Fridays, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM Saturdays, 1:30–5:00

PM Sundays, on Mulberry Road next to First Baptist Church parking lot



Thursday, October 19

Praise Band, 5:30 PM, Chapel (Note change of time for October)

Saturday 21

Free Community Breakfast, 7:00 AM, volunteers begin preparing;

8:00–9:30 AM, serving, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

No Facilities workday today

October 22, Laity Sunday

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering, for hunger projects in our Presbytery and beyond. This Sunday culminates the global [Food Week of Action](#).



Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, rehearsal for service
Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room
Laity Sunday Participants, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary
Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm up before service
Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Manly Boyd, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship is offered for age 4 through 2nd grade during the 11:00 service after the Time with Young Disciples.

The Service for the Lord's Day, October 22, 2017
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

Laity Sunday

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 22:15-22; Psalm 99

Message by Denny Casey

"What Shall I Give to God?"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Exodus 33:12-23; Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=164>

Monday, October 23

GPS, 3:00–5:00 PM, music and Christian education for children K-8th grade

Tuesday 24

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org.

Wednesday 25

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4:00 PM, Session Room
Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room
Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room



Thursday 26

Church Development and Transformation Conference, 9:30–3:00 PM, Presbytery office, 1022 Floyd St, Lynchburg. [Register online](#) by Noon, Oct. 24.
Red Cross Bloodmobile, 1:00–5:00 PM, Elks Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. Our congregation supplies volunteers who check in donors and serve them at the

canteen after they finish donating blood. If you can help, please contact Nancy Baker: 638-7923, nbaker08@comcast.net.

Praise Band, 5:30 PM, Chapel (Note change of time for October)

Reformation Sunday, October 29, 500th Anniversary

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room

Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Ushers: Neil Tatum, Clarence Benfield, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby

Liturgist: Denny Casey

Trunk or Treat, 3:00–5:00 PM, parking lot. Bring friends!

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm.

Calling All Trunks!

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 29, 3:00–5:00 PM

We would love to have more trunks for our Halloween Trunk or Treat! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hall between the Office and the Sanctuary or contact Leanna Blevins 224-3143 or blevinsleanna@yahoo.com.



Mission project

For Smart Beginnings

Bring to the Circle Meeting Nov. 6

Nancy Davis and Betty Hudson are putting together a basket for the Smart Beginnings basket auction fundraiser to expand the local Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Any Presbyterian Women who would like to help may bring an item for the basket to the circle meeting on **November 6 at 10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our basket theme is books and games for kids ages 4 to 6 years. Suggestions for the basket include **books, fat pencils, puzzles, games, flash cards, washable markers, crayons, stickers, art paper, blank cards, etc.**



Smart Beginnings is a local program to help young children in the first five

years of life. Their Holiday Basket Extravaganza will be **Sunday, November 12, 2017, 5:30–7:00 PM**, at Piedmont Arts, 215 Starling Ave. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is an evidence-based program that improves early childhood literacy skills and results in improved reading scores in school for children enrolled in the program. They receive a developmentally appropriate book once a month from the time they are enrolled in the program until their 5th birthday at no cost to the family. For more information, visit their websites: <http://www.smartbeginningsmhc.org/news/details/id/47/you-re-invited>
<http://imaginationlibrary.com/>

Wednesday



Prayer Shawl Ministry **October 25, 4:00 PM**

The Prayer Shawl ministry monthly meeting is here again. We are putting together a basket of knitting supplies for the Smart Beginnings basket auction.

Contact Joan Montgomery, 632-1157,
joanmontgo@gmail.com, for more information.

Call to Action

Keep the Bags Moving

The Stewardship campaign is in full swing, and the Stewardship Committee asks that everyone respond when you get your pledge form. Fill it out, follow the instructions in the bag, then pass the bag along to the next person. Many thanks!f



Cooks Who CARE



Cooks Who Care Moved to Nov. 1

Cooks Who Care has been changed for November. Please come at the usual times on **Wednesday, November 1**, instead of Tuesday, November 7, **9:45 AM** for the morning session and **5:30 PM** for the afternoon session.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Sanders family on the births of two new babies! Autumn Elizabeth Anne Sanders was born on September 10 in Martinsville to Zachary and Bronwyn Sanders and brother Brayden. Braxton Levi Myers was born on October 8 in Greensboro to Brooke (Sanders) and Curt Myers. Great-grandparents are JoAnne and Keith Sanders, grandparents are Nick Sanders and Laurie Sanders, great-aunts and uncles are Carrie and Darrell Wilson and Ashley and Jacob Sanders.



October 31, 2017

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Little did Martin Luther know what would be set in motion when he nailed his 95 Theses on the Sale of Indulgences to the church door in Wittenburg, Germany, on October 31, 1517 (the church door being the public bulletin board of the day).

This act, which criticized a practice of the Roman Catholic Church that amounted to buying one's way into heaven, launched a movement that emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone.

REFORMATION SUNDAY:
OCTOBER 29, 2017

Luther's Bible

The Presbyterian Historical Society provides resources for Reformation Sunday.

www.history.pcusa.org/rs



The Presbyterian Historical Society has resources to help churches celebrate this significant milestone in the life of the church. For more information see: <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2017/10/5/reformation-sunday-resources-available-phs/>

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Rebecca Coffey (Smith Chaney's great-niece), Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Jack Beane (M. Stevens), Frances Bledsoe, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Chad Bryson, Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Elaine Button, Charles Byrd (B. Lawson), Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Virginia Coley (D. Bryson's sister), Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Jim Ford, Charles Gray (Kym Tatum's father), Courtney Johnson (K. Kropp), Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Shirley Oliver (L. Blevins), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Charles "Pete" Peterson (Anne's brother in-law), Barbara Regen, Posey Riedel (A. Pinkard's sister), Darla Ritter, Betty and Gene Stanley, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

Please remember

Grace Network & SSRC Shelter

Muffin mix is our assignment for October through December for Grace Network's food pantry. **Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine**

products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. These personal care and household items are also needed at the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House/CAFV). Boxes for donations to both ministries are in the church hallways.

Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

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